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INTEGRATED PROCESSED FOOD DEVELOPMENT ACT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to enact a legislation namely Integrated Processed Food DevelopmentAct on the pattern of United Kingdom to remove anomalies in the existing law governing the food processing sector;

(b) if so, whether any proposal has been worked out in this regard;

(c) whether the State Government's views were also considered in this regard; and

(d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a) to (c): Department of Food Processing Industries organised four Regional Seminars at Kolkata, Mumbai, Bangalore and Lucknow to elicit regional inputs towards formulation of National Food Processing Policy. In these Seminars there was a generalconsensus that apart from formulation of a National Policy on Food Processing, an appropriate development oriented legislation be conceived as the present enactments are impeding the growth of this sector.

Accordingly, a draft Bill has been drawn up based on the inputs received from a cross section including the State Governments. The proposed Act envisages inter-alia harmonisation and simplification of existing laws, development orientation, creation of a Development Fund, defining standards through a Processed Food Authority.

(d): Taking into consideration various procedures to be followed, a definite time frame for the finalisation of Act is difficult to envisage.